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I.   **Introduction**

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated May 16, 2008. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' response of three months, *i.e.*, to August 16, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants' reply, which is being filed electronically on August 15, 2008, is timely.